

DUAL CONSOLE/BOWRIDER

Grady-White Freedom 275

Grady-White updated the Freedom 275 with a new deck layout. The boat rides the same hull, and some of the topside components have been retooled and repositioned. There's a wider port console entry, a new wet bar setup, plus refined standard and optional features that make the boat more versatile and family-friendly.

The new anchor locker's through-hull chute makes for easier anchor deployment. There's room for six people on the port and starboard bow seats, and this layout allows longer rod stowage in the console. Grady-White has widened the companion seating, too, and added such details as a tablet storage sleeve and USB connection.

The optional wet bar, which now faces inboard, has a Corian countertop and sink, and it can be equipped with a grill and refrigerator. The patented cockpit bench seat folds down to free up real estate.

"More people are enjoying all kinds of recreational opportunities on big water, not just fishing," says Shelley Tubaugh, vice president of marketing at Grady-White.

The boat gets its soft, stable ride from its C. Raymond Hunt SeaV² continuously variable-vee hull, she says. "You have that sharp entry for wave penetration while maintaining terrific tracking ability and a wider beam aft for a comfortable ride when trolling."

With twin Yamaha F200s, the boat gets 2.33 mpg at 30 mph; at 49 mph (wide open), mileage is 1.26 mpg. She gets 2.36 mpg at 29 mph with a single Yamaha F350, and at a WOT of 49 mph, she gets 1.45 mpg.

LOA: 26 feet, 11 inches BEAM: 8 feet, 6 inches DRAFT: 1 foot, 8 inches DISPLACEMENT: 4,972 pounds FUEL: 184 gallons POWER: Yamaha F350 or twin F250s, F200s or F150s SPEED: 49 mph top, 30 mph cruise (F200s) BASE PRICE: \$153,420 (F150s) CONTACT: Grady-White, Greenville, North Carolina, (252) 752-2111. gradywhite.com